

Amendments to the Specification:

The first full par on page 5 beginning line 3:

Q¹ The clean gas space 5 is closed at its end adjacent the clean gas outlet channel 10 by a control element which permits passage of the cleaned gas, but prevents passage of the flushing air 8 into the outlet channel 10. This control element consists of a flow-dynamic pneumatic valve or porous control element 12, which has no moving parts and which is open when the pressure in the clean gas space 5 is relatively low as it is during filtering operations, but which closes when the relatively high-pressure back flushing air is admitted to the clean gas space 5.

The second paragraph on page 6:

Q² The dust layer 17 on the outside of the filter cartridges 2 is dislodged and removed from the filter cartridges 2 in the process. After completion of the backflashing procedure, first the backflashing control valve 15 closes and then the flap valve ~~6~~ 16. Since the backflashing step is completed within a period of less than 1 sec, the flap valve 16 is open for only a few seconds during which the control valve 15 may be exposed to high temperatures.